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On three things the world rests,

on Torah, on Prayer and on Acts of Loving Kindness

A spiritual vibration is e-mailed throughout the universe, all the way to God's inbox.

Each generation of Jews seeks to make Judaism its own by "summing it up," and by trying to discern the underlying reasons for the mitzvah, either individually or collectively.

So the Prophet Micah maintains that all we have to do is "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Hillel's summation is "That which is hateful to you, don't do to anyone else," and Rabbi Akiva, quoting the Torah, said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." But not for one minute does anyone believe that these three giants of our past, each one emphasizing the ethical, eschewed ritual observance!

And that leads to the second enterprise, trying to explain/rationalize/justify the commandments. Those "answers" range from: their purpose is "to purify God's creatures" to "just do it" (i.e. there is no reason—there needs to be no reason—God's commanding voice is all we need).

In the more recent past, there is this story from the lore of the Conservative Movement:

Serge Koussevitsky, the conductor of the Boston Symphony, had been born a Jew in Russia, but to enter the Conservatory he was required to accept Russian Orthodoxy. Late in life, through Hannah Arendt, he became interested in learning about the heritage he had abandoned as a child.

Dr. Arendt arranged for an invitation to dinner with the Seminary's late Chancellor, Dr. Louis Finkelstein. Before sitting down to eat, Dr. Koussevitzky observed that Rabbi Finkelstein meticulously washed his hands, dried them and recited a blessing; without speaking he took a piece of bread, recited another blessing and then having broken bread, continued with the conversation.

The conductor then asked (since whatever religious training he had had did not familiarize him with the concept of rituals in the home) why Finkelstein insisted on performing these seemingly archaic practices (related to purity, not cleanliness) as well as the laws of Kashrut in the contemporary world.

"Dr. Koussevitzky," Finkelstein asked, "if I asked you to play a piece of music but to leave out some notes, would you be willing to do so?" "Of course not," came the reply, "that would ruin the whole thing. The musician has to be faithful to the composer." Just so, was Finkelstein's response: he too could not leave out notes from the work of The Composer. "That too, would ruin the whole thing."

And updating this message for the digital age:

Dear Rabbi,

Why does the Jewish religion seem to obsess over insignificant details? How much matzah do we have to eat, which spoon do I use for milk and which for meat? It seems to me that this misses the bigger picture by focusing on minutiae. Doesn't all this nitpicking destroy spirituality?

(I actually already sent you this question over a week ago and didn't receive a reply. Could it be that you have finally been asked a question that you can't answer?!)

Respectfully, (Anonymous)

Dear (Anonymous),

I never claimed to have all the answers. There are many questions that are beyond me. But it so happens that I did answer your question, and you did get the answer. I sent a reply immediately. The fact that you didn't receive it is itself the answer to your question.

You see, I sent you a reply, but I wrote your e-mail address leaving out the "." before the "com" I figured that you should still receive the e-mail, because after all, it is only one little dot missing. I mean come on, it's not as if I wrote the wrong name or something drastic like that! Would anyone be so nitpicky as to differentiate between "yahoocom" and "yahoo.com"? Isn't it a bit ridiculous that you didn't get my e-mail just because of a little dot?

No, it's not ridiculous, because the dot is not just a dot. It represents something. That dot has meaning far beyond the pixels on the screen that form it. To me it may seem insignificant, but that is simply due to my ignorance of the ways of the web. All I know is that with the dot, the message gets to the right destination; without it, the message is sent into oblivion.

Jewish practices have infinite depth. Each nuance and detail contains a world of symbolism. And every dot counts. When they are performed with precision, a spiritual vibration is e-mailed throughout the universe, all the way to God's inbox.

If you want to understand the symbolism of the dot, study I.T. If you want to understand the symbolism of Judaism, study it.

God is in the details. Sanctified living is in the details.

The gift you make touches all generations and impacts the future of your people.

On Yom Kippur either Menachem Rosensaft or I addressed you on the importance of your gift. You have received a letter requesting your support. *Kol Nidre* night an envelope awaited you. Many of you have also received a phone call. There have been a lot of requests for your donation. Why? Why do we need each and every one of you to participate in our yearly *Kol Nidre* Appeal?

The Synagogue seeks and needs your support to continue to balance our budget and to help pay for the daily operations of our building. The dues collected cover only approximately 39% of our projected expenses for the fiscal year. We need you to help pay the salaries of all employed here, the programs we offer, and the education of our children.

This year the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee worked very hard to balance expenses and not include a surcharge for heat and energy. As a result, the majority of membership dues bills were actually less than the year before. This is a community and with the best abilities of the Board of Trustees we are striving in every way possible to keep membership dues accessible to every member of our congregation. This has been done with the hope that those who can will give for those who cannot. Every gift makes a difference.

I had the joy over the summer of being in the building on countless occasions both in the day and in the evening. Indicative of life here at Park Avenue Synagogue, there were numerous activities for our congregants of all ages. Our rooftop singles party was a great night for a very important part of our population. Our Day Camp brought in our youngest families. Seeing these campers with their parents made me feel the future of Park Avenue Synagogue is bright. I passed by the Lunch 'n'Learn crowd. Each week a member of our clergy or staff teaches this group of mostly retired congregants. The summer film series and synagogue visits to Newport, Rhode Island, Central Synagogue and Orach Chaim all had members of all ages. The summer schedule illustrated yet again the immeasurable value Park Avenue Synagogue plays in the life of its members.

We are a community of people from 1 day old to 105 years old and the gift you make touches all generations and impacts the future of your people. Your synagogue is your community and your community needs you. Thank you for your continued support.

Pour out your heart; Pour out your soul

On **Thursday, October 18** we inaugurate our newest liturgical offering: a monthly Healing Service.
This brief and intimate service is specifically designed for those with cares to unburden, hopes and yearnings to express. It is meant to be a vehicle for expressing concerns of a personal nature (or your concern for someone else)—whatever is on your mind and in your heart. We hope that the inspiration and strength you will receive from participating in this service will lead to restoration of body and soul *(r'fu'at ha'nefesh, u'r'fu'at ha'guf).*

The service will take place in the Appleman Chapel at 7:30 pm.

For further information, *please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern with your questions, 212-369-2600, ext. 123*

Schedule of Religious Services

Mincha *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Saturday Mincha is at 6:00 pm, except as noted.*
Daily Minyanim *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am, except as noted.*

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Monday, October 1 *19 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot
Forging Your Link: Rabbi Druin

Tuesday, October 2 *20 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot

Wednesday, October 3 *21 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot (Hoshana Raba)
Light Candles: 6:18 pm
6:30 am Morning Minyan
5:45 pm Erev Shemini Atzeret Service

Thursday, October 4 *22 Tishrei*
Shemini Atzeret
7:15 am Hashkama Service
9:15 am Festival Service, including *Yizkor*
6:30 pm Erev Simchat Torah Service

Friday, October 5 *23 Tishrei*
Light Candles: *6:15 pm*
Simchat Torah
7:00 am Hashkama Service
9:15 am Simchat Torah Service
10:00 am Tot Simchat Torah Service
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 6 *24 Tishrei*
Parashat Bereshit
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Zahler,
Daughter of Karen Gantz Zahler and Eric Zahler
9:30 am Havurah Service
6:00 pm Mincha

Friday, October 12 *30 Tishrei*
Light Candles: 6:03 pm
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, October 13 *1 Cheshvan*
Parashat Noach
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Silverman,
Son of Susan and Jeffrey Silverman
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm Mincha

Friday, October 19 *7 Cheshvan*
Light Candles: 5:53 pm
5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 20 *8 Cheshvan*
Parashat Lech-Lecha
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Podolsky, Son of
Laurie Ferber Podolsky and Dr. Morris Podolsky
10:00 am Shabbat B'yachad
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
6:00 pm Mincha

Friday, October 26 *14 Cheshvan*
Light Candles: 5:43 pm
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service:
Welcoming the Sabbath
7:00 pm Congregational Dinner,
Rabbi Steve Greenberg, Speaker $ ✆

Saturday, October 27 *15 Cheshvan*
Parashat Vayera
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
B'nei Mitzvah of Sam and Jamie Lipman,
children of Shelly and Jay Lipman
9:30 am Havurah Service
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm Mincha

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Honoring our Members at Simchat Torah

Friday, October 5 | 9:15 am

During Simchat Torah, Park Avenue Synagogue has instituted a tradition of honoring two members who have made significant contributions to the life of our synagogue and to the Jewish community. In accordance, at this year's Simchat Torah service, we will honor and call to the Torah two very special congregants: Barry Bryer and Susan Edelstein.

In a congregation enriched with broad active participation, the choice of *chatan B'reishit*—Simchat Torah honorees—has to be difficult. Barry Bryer, who will receive this honor this year, suggested that his family's traditions can be viewed as a metaphor for Simchat Torah—the conclusion and the beginning of the Torah cycle. He said that it was his wife's observant family that, "brought her to the point that when they married she brought him to be more observant and involved in synagogue life, and that together, they have brought their four sons to live active Jewish lives as well…a true generational cycle."

He and his wife, Meryl Wiener, have been members since their children were very young and enrolled in ECC. Park Avenue Synagogue soon became a vital part of the Bryer family's lives. Barry values the fact that P.A.S. encourages family participation and that there are so many opportunities for the family to be active together and as individuals, with men and women equally involved and respected.

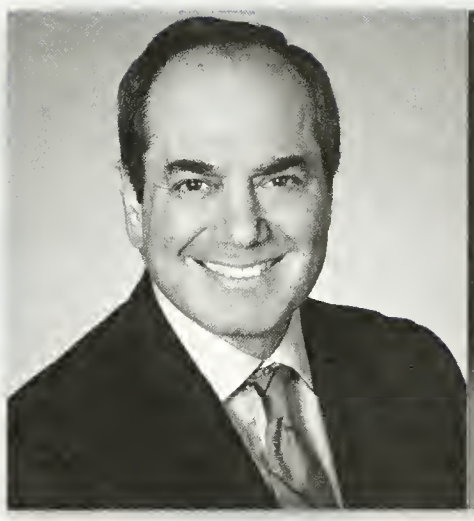
Barry, an attorney who specializes in corporate governance and mergers and acquisitions, has served Park Avenue Synagogue as an officer, board member and is an Honorary Trustee. Meryl has been the chair of the Schechter High School and "is spiritual center of their home." Their commitment to their religious practice and the future of Judaism is carried out by their four sons. One of their twins, Duncan, is a senior at Ramaz and participated in the Jewish Week program that trains youths to understand and advocate for Israel; and Randall, who is also at Ramaz, has conducted services at Park Avenue Synagogue. The older sons are active in Jewish organizations as well: Jonathan, who attends Colgate, is Vice President of Hillel; and Maxwell, the oldest, continues his Jewish studies and activities at Dartmouth.

As Barry Bryer ascends to the bimah for his aliyah on Simchat Torah, he will personify the cycle of Jewish commitment that is so crucial to our present and future.

Susan Edelstein is one of those people who keeps Park Avenue Synagogue moving successfully and for whom it is such an important part of family and personal life. She has been involved in P.A.S. activities since her oldest child was in ECC, first in the Parents Association, running its benefit, then co-chairing the Parents Association of the Congregational School, later working on the Book Fair and the Gala and the Education Committee.

Susan´s life is focused on her family, and that means that P.A.S. is integral to her life. She stopped practicing law when Sam, the oldest of her 3 sons, was a year old, and has found her creative and productive outlet in supporting their education and Judaism. The P.A.S. commitment to quality education for its children and adults, coupled with its strong community outreach answer the Edelstein family's needs and wants. She appreciates the strong commitment to enriching the curriculum, the great, passionate teachers at all levels from the youngest children's programs to adult education. The community minded programs touched Susan and her husband David, as well as their sons Sam, now 10, Toby who is 7 and Peter who is 4. All have attended ECC and Peter, now in the Blue Room, will follow his brothers' path to CS.

She said, "I feel somewhat awkward about being honored in this way; I feel that I have been doing things that are important to my family, my congregation and to Judaism, and that I get tremendous gratification by being able to live according to my values."



Thank you to these congregants who chanted *Haftarot* over the summer:
Dr. David Dane, Esther Gelber, Erica Goldberg, Amos Kaminski, Morrie Kleinbart, Dr. Adam Kolker, Adam Lichtenstein, Dr. David Sekons and Aileen Stoller.

Remember the days of old, Consider the years of ages past;
Ask your father, he will inform you, Your elders, they will tell you.
—Deuteronomy 32:7

Just sign up…show up…and participate! See you there!

A Community Mitzvah Initiative

Sukkot Celebration and Sing-Along at the Jewish Home and Hospital

Tuesday, October 2 | 3:00-4:00 pm
Location: Jewish Home and Hospital, 120 West 106th Street

Rejoice in the festivities of Sukkot by bringing joy to the elderly residents of the Jewish Home and Hospital. Help decorate the Sukkah, sing holiday songs, eat festive foods, and enjoy the company. All ages are welcome to this holiday celebration. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends to bring smiles to the residents' faces.

This event, brought to you by P.A.S.'s newest committee, the Community Mitzvah Initiative (CMI), is co-sponsored by the *Bikur Cholim* and *Tikkun Olam* committees and is designed to help P.A.S. members reach out to the Jewish community. *All ages are welcome.*

If you are interested *in finding out about CMI and/or signing up for the Sukkah event, contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary at 212-369-2600 ext. 120*

The Rothschild Library Presents

The Perpetual International Film Festival

First Film of the New Year:

Wednesday, October 17 | 7:00 pm

"Paradise Now"

This film answers the question: "What would happen if two young Palestinians slip into Israel with time bombs strapped to their bodies, and one of them changes his mind?" It is a riveting, Golden Globe winning movie that penetrates deep into Palestinian motives, choices, and options. Highly acclaimed and assuredly controversial, it offers rare insight into a violent, human world.

Always free of charge and always at the Rothschild.

Kabbalat Shabbat:

"Welcoming the Sabbath" Service

Friday, October 26 | 6:15 pm

Enhanced Friday Evening Service with special musical accompaniment, to encourage deeper awareness and response as we welcome the Sabbath as a community.

Congregational Dinner featuring Rabbi Steve Greenberg

Friday, October 26 | following services | $ ✆

"Re-imagining Jewishness and Synagogue Life in the 21st Century."
$35/person

Rabbi Steve Greenberg: *Rabbi Steve Greenberg is known as an award-winning author, noted teacher, and religious iconoclast, who has broken boundaries and led the fight to make Orthodox Judaism more inclusive and accepting of homosexual members.*

A Senior Teaching Fellow at CLAL—The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, and an expert scholar in Jewish texts and tradition, he has taught at LimmudNY and elsewhere on the issues of synagogue change and conceptualizing synagogues in the 21st century. He has published articles on Jewish law and church-and-state issues. A guest on numerous talk shows including NPR's "Fresh Air," he was featured in the acclaimed 2001 film "Trembling Before G-d."

His groundbreaking book "Wrestling with God & Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition," won the prestigious Koret Book Award for Philosophy and Thought and was a finalist for the Lambda Literary Awards.

Steve received his B.A. in philosophy from Yeshiva University and his rabbinical ordination from Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the Jerusalem Fellows program, a two-year fellowship for senior Jewish educators sponsored by the Mandel Institute.

Park Avenue Synagogue Gallery

P.A.S. Timeline: Selections from our Archives

Through January 2008

This very special exhibition includes a timeline of Park Avenue Synagogue history, juxtaposing P.A.S. milestones with contemporary events in Jewish history, as well as significant events in NYC, American, and world history. The exhibit cases feature significant artifacts from the P.A.S. Archives collection. The Exhibition Committee, chaired by Jean Bloch Rosensaft, working closely with Archives Co-Chairs Laurie Harris and Marcia Stone, has been collecting and organizing this material for over a year. The show begins with the history of the founding congregations, and then surveys the decades from the 1920s through the 125th Anniversary year. The display of documents, photographs, and artifacts will illuminate the sequential development of the synagogues' three structures and the role of contemporary art commissions for the Adolph Gottlieb stained glass windows and Nathan Rapoport façade sculptures. The exhibition highlights the generations of clergy who have led our synagogue with commitment and vision and their distinguished contributions to P.A.S., the Jewish community, and world history. It features the special role that Park Avenue Synagogue has played in the renaissance of Jewish music through the commissioning of liturgical music from the 1940s to the present.

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, November 18
10:00 am-2:00 pm

Join the Park Avenue Synagogue community in celebrating Mitzvah Day. Bring your family and friends to perform good deeds to benefit those in need.

As always, there will be lots of fun activities for all ages, 1 to 100: insightful discussions with our Clergy, off-site visits, arts and crafts, food collection, sandwich making and packaging, and numerous programs appearing for the first time. We will offer our annual blood drive and of course, the children will bake fresh cookies for donors. This year, there will be an extra emphasis placed on the environment, with ecologically attentive programs.

Funds raised will go towards the Park Avenue Synagogue Israel Fund, and will be allocated towards programs in Israel when our congregation visits in December.

As in the past we will be collecting goods to donate to charitable organizations as well as organizing the Parents' Association Flea Market. Please bring in:

— men's, women's and children's clothing, coats and accessories
— sporting goods
— cell phones
— eyeglasses
— costume jewelry
— CDs, videos, and books
— canned and dry food

Donations will be accepted all day on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday and on Mitzvah Day until 2:00 pm.

If you're interested in helping *prior to or during this event, please contact:*

Julie Ruvkun
212-737-7911
jg2065@Columbia.edu

Nancy Dolinsky
212-988-2169
nancyd@nyc.rr.com

Book Discussion Group

Monday, October 29 | 8:00 pm

The Park Avenue Synagogue Evening Book Discussion Group will delve into the recent novel "The Yiddish Policeman's Union" by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Chabon. It imagines a hypothetical world in which the promised land for Jews was Alaska, not Israel. The book is 'a cross between Isaac Bashevis Singer and Raymond Chandler,' according to one reviewer.
For more information, contact Pat Davidson at alpat1120@aol.com

Men's Club
Hearing Men's Voices ✆

Wednesday, October 10 | 8:00 pm

This program within the Men's Club provides small groups of men a setting to talk with each other about common life issues in a relaxed, confidential, facilitated setting.

Sisterhood
Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday, October 1 | 11:00 am

Join us in the Rothschild Library for a discussion of "As a Driven Leaf," by Rabbi Milton Steinberg. Coffee and cake will be served. All are welcome! If you would like a complete reading list and schedule of meetings for this group, please call Dr. Renee Waldinger at 212-860-4308.

Sisterhood
Yiddish Club

Tuesday, October 16 | 1:00 pm

The Yiddish Club will have its first session of the fall in the Rothschild Library. Coffee and cake will be served. The focus of this group is Yiddish conversation and Yiddish culture--poetry, stories, music, theater, and film. Our meetings are lively and enjoyable. Even if your Yiddish is very rusty, you are welcome to join us. We are a warm, friendly group. To obtain more information about the Yiddish Club and a schedule of meetings, please call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.

Sisterhood
Visit to the Pissarro Exhibit ✆

Tuesday, October 26 | 1:00 pm

Join Sisterhood for a guided tour of "Camille Pissarro and Impressionism" at the Jewish Museum, 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue. Pissarro (1830-1903) was born to a French father and a Creole mother on St. Thomas in the West Indies. He became an immensely influential figure in modern French painting. Along with Monet, he was the founding father of the Impressionist movement and participated in all eight Impressionist exhibitions. As a teacher, he had a profound effect on younger painters, such as Cezanne and Gauguin, who moved beyond Impressionism. All members of P.A.S. are welcome. However, space is limited. Please RSVP to Dr. Renee Waldinger at 212-860-4308 by October 12. The tour group will meet in front of the museum at 12:45 pm.

WEG
Moonbeams

Thursday, October 11 | 7:30 pm

A Rosh Chodesh Study/Social Experience of the Women's Evening Group.

Open to all women of the congregation and community, "Moonbeams" is multi-generational, meeting every month on or close to Rosh Chodesh, the first day of the Jewish month, which, our tradition teaches us, was the day of rest/holiday presented to women in thanks for their refusal to give over their gold jewelry to make the Golden Calf.

Study of text, refreshments and socializing are part of the Moonbeams experience. Sarah Gribetz, Director of Lifelong Learning, and Joann Rosoff share the responsibility of Facilitator, with an occasional invited guest conversant.

For more information, *please call Joann Rosoff at 212-348-4531 or Joan Schefler at 212-734-0444.*

"Give your heart to learning." —*Proverbs 23:12*

Beit Ishah: A Room with a View on Women

Mondays, Oct. 1, 15, 22 and 29 | 12:30 pm | *No charge*
Rabbi Dawn Rose, Instructor
The focus of this discussion class is on women in Judaism, women in the Torah, Talmud, Midrash, and Kabbalah: daughters, wives, mothers, prophets, scholars, angels and demons. The content will be surprising, the conversation always lively. Tea will be served. In the Rothschild.

Moses/Moshe Rabeinu

Mondays, October 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19
8:00-9:30 pm | Rabbi Joseph A. Brodie, Instructor | $ ✆
Did Moses himself write the Torah "lines?" Can we read between them? Join us for lively discussions as we explore the Exodus text together to see Moses' development as law giver, judge, shaker and mover, parent, husband and son-in-law in his transition to becoming the Bible's pre-eminent personality.

Rabbi Joseph A.Brodie *has been associated with the Jewish Theological Seminary since 1955, where he is currently the Vice President for Student Affairs and Adjunct Instructor of Professional and Pastoral Skills. Rabbi Brodie graduated from the Joint Program of the School of General Studies of Columbia University and the Teachers Institute of JTS in 1961. He received his master's degree from JTS in 1964, was ordained there in 1966, and received an honorary doctorate in 1992. Rabbi Brodie is a beloved teacher around the world and has lectured on biblical themes in various communities around the country, as well as the JTS Lehrhaus program and for the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.*

Expecting? Before The Stork Arrives

Wednesday, October 10 | 8:00 pm | *No charge*
Spend a calm, leisurely hour with Rabbi Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, *brit milah*, baby-naming ceremonies, and *pidyon haben* before the stork arrives and you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of your newborn.

"What Do American Jews Believe?" Explore this Theme with Rabbi Stern

Tuesday mornings, starting October 9 | 11:00am | *No charge*
In a memorable symposium, Commentary magazine asked 47 modern Jewish thinkers "What Do American Jews Believe?" Rabbi Kenneth Stern is currently using this symposium as the text for his course on Jewish thought and practice—"Tuesday Topics." The course is conducted in an informal roundtable setting in the Rothschild Library. It is sponsored by the Sisterhood and is open to all members of P.A.S. Don't hesitate to drop in and sample a class.

Evenings of Learning

Tuesdays, October 23 and 30 | 7:00 -9:00 pm | ✆ | *No charge*
These evenings of learning will enable participants to continue to delve into the history of Park Avenue Synagogue while having fun at the same time. Choices will include:

— Opening of new gallery show—"A Timeline of P.A.S. History"
— Behind the Scenes Tour of P.A.S.
— Create a time capsule for future generations to find and use
— Tour of the Music Library and the treasures contained within
— Tour the Permanent Collection of P.A.S. art treasures... from Israel, the US and abroad....
— Alumni Night Cocktail Party—open to all P.A.S. graduates
— Cooking from our "Spark Within Us" Cookbook— an evening in the kitchen
— and much, much more....

New This Year!

Parashat HaShavua

Ongoing Thursdays, starting October 11 | 6:30-7:30 pm | *No charge*

Join the clergy and education staff as they lead you in a personal and engaging look at the weekly portion of the Torah...no background needed, just a curious mind and a yen to learn together.

Learn Hebrew on Mondays $ ✆

Siddur Hebrew—Level I—Beginners

Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm | Dina Mann, Instructor

No knowledge of Hebrew necessary

Siddur Hebrew— Level II— Intermediate

Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm | Sarah Gribetz, Instructor

Conversational Hebrew for Travelers

Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm | Andi Meiseles, Instructor

A mini-Ulpan course for those going on the P.A.S. 125th Anniversary Trip to Israel and/or for all interested in learning to speak Modern Hebrew. No previous knowledge necessary.

Modern Hebrew for Intermediate and Advanced Students

Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm | Varda Hubara, Instructor

All courses listed above require advance registration and payment.
$50/ per trimester for members
$75/ per trimester for non-members

Raising Your Jewish Child

Wednesday, October 17 and 31, November 14 (First Trimester)
10-30-11:30 am | Sarah Gribetz, Lisa Samick and Dina Mann, instructors | $ ✆

This new nine-session class is geared for parents of children of varying ages, from infants and toddlers to pre-schoolers and school aged children. Sessions will cover the basics of home rituals, including celebrating Shabbat and holidays, bedtime and meals, as well as ideas of how best to integrate as a family into communal and synagogue life. All backgrounds are welcome. There are no right answers; there can't be too many questions!

Free of charge to those enrolled in HaMishpachah Sheli. Open enrollment to all members at a cost of $75 for the series.

✆ **For more information or to register for any of these classes,** *contact the Department of Lifelong Learning, at 212-369-2600 ext. 140, or llys@pasyn.org*

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Ms. Tammy Bieber

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Breslin

Mr. Frank Chaney and Ms. Ronda Wist

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chavkin

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Delson

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Furstenberg

Mr. and Mrs. David Gutstadt

Mr. and Ms. Joel Isaacson

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Meskin

Ms. Dana Perlman

Mr. Jeffrey Romanow and Mrs. Angela Griesheimer-Romanow

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rosberger

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Safer

Dr. and Mrs. Neal Schultz

Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Steinberg

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Zarabi

Did you know

the P.A.S. website has the latest information about all our programs, Services, holiday information, weekly *Parashat* summaries, staff bios...and more? You can also sign up for weekly event e-mails.

Go to **www.pasyn.org**

Ariel Zahler | October 6

Ariel Zahler is an Eighth Grade student at the Brearley School. She began her education at Park Avenue Synagogue pre-school and will continue her Hebrew studies in high school.

In preparing for her Bat Mitzvah and traveling to Israel with her family, Ariel has strengthened her awareness of the world's need for *tikkun olam.* She has volunteered her time to work with senior citizens both in their homes, through Dorot, and at the Jewish Home and Hospital. She participated in Park Avenue Synagogue Mitzvah Day and Project Ezra. She has worked at a battered women's shelter in Ramat Hasharon and, with her brother Benjamin, delivered toys, books, and other educational materials to the Gantz Kindergarten in Jerusalem. She also raises money for breast cancer.

In her free time, Ariel enjoys playing the drums, tennis and spending time with her friends in New York and at Camp Laurel. Ariel has an uncanny ability to reach out and make people feel better.

Adam Silverman | October 13

Adam started at ECC, went through the CS, and now is a student in the Judah Nadich HS. Adam attended the Allen Stevenson School and is currently an Eighth Grader at The Fieldston School where he enjoys math, history and plays trumpet in the Middle School band. Adam has played travel ice hockey for the New York Cyclones for the past 5 years and participated in the State Tournaments and the International Silver Sticks Tournament in Canada. At Camp Androscoggin in Maine he plays lacrosse and tennis.

Adam has traveled with his parents and brothers, Sam and Jeremy, visiting England, France, Mexico, Jordan, Italy and Spain. At his third trip to Israel in December he will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with the congregation. Adam is participating in UJA-Federation's *Give a Mitzvah Do a Mitzvah* program and will support an Enrichment Center and Sports Program for Ethiopian immigrant teens in Neve Yaakov in Jerusalem.

Adam thanks the clergy, teachers and all who have supported his Jewish education and helped him reach this day.

Joshua Harold Podolsky | October 20

Josh Podolsky spent 3 years in the P.A.S. ECC and has attended our religious school ever since. A music lover, he was a member of the Congregational School Chorus at P.A.S. and the Chorus and Chamber Orchestra at Collegiate School. He has taken piano and violin lessons since he was six and is currently concentrating on his newest instrument, the bass guitar.

Now in Seventh Grade at Collegiate, Josh enjoys science, history and English and is enthusiastic about roller coasters, trains and planes. He loves to read and is an avid theater-goer. Josh also loves to ski, kayak, canoe and, in the summer, attend Camp Tamakwa in northern Ontario.

Josh is very close with his siblings, Rebecca and Zachary, as well as his extended family. He loves to travel with his family, and is looking forward to the upcoming P.A.S. trip to Israel.

Josh is grateful to the clergy, staff and teachers of P.A.S. who helped him to reach this important milestone and looks forward to attending the P.A.S. High School.

"A Song in Every Psalm" is a new CD just created by our own **Cantor David Lefkowitz**. It includes his renditions of 28 of the songs composed by his father, Cantor Jacob Lefkowitz, from the Psalms. The compilation includes a variety of musical styles and accompaniment, conveying the wide range of emotions and moods expressed in the Psalms. The recording will soon be available for purchase at our Book Fair and at the Cantors' office. Every family will want to add this extraordinary collection to its musical library.

Jamie Rebecca Lipman | October 27

Jamie Lipman is a Seventh Grader at Columbia Preparatory School with a special interest in math and art. Until recently, much of Jamie's free time was spent practicing as a member of the Asphalt Green Gymnastics Team where she competed in local competitions and the New York State Championships. During the summer, Jamie attends Camp Blue Ridge in Pennsylvania where she enjoys volleyball, tennis, lacrosse, water-skiing and swimming. Jamie is a people-person and loves being with her family and friends.

She loves to travel and especially enjoyed her trip last summer to the Canadian Rockies. She recently returned from her fourth trip to Israel where she, along with her twin brother Sam, helped dedicate a new playground for underprivileged children using funds from her Bat Mitzvah gifts. A graduate of both the ECC and CS, Jamie would like to thank the teachers and clergy for their assistance during her Bat Mitzvah preparation. She looks forward to continuing her Jewish education at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Samuel Isaac Lipman | October 27

Sam Lipman is your typical New York City kid. As a Seventh Grader at Columbia Preparatory School, he enjoys math and science. Sam roots for the Yankees and the Jets and enjoys playing on his Yorkville travel baseball team. When he's not snowboarding down the mountains of Vail or fishing in Key Largo, Sam can be found at his computer or PlayStation.

During the summer, Sam attends Camp Equinunk in Pennsylvania where he plays every sport that's offered. He is very social and loves being with his many friends.
Sam loves to travel and recently returned from his fourth trip to Israel where he, along with his twin sister Jamie, helped dedicate a new playground for underprivileged children using funds from his Bar Mitzvah gifts.

A graduate of the ECC and CS, Sam would like to thank the teachers and clergy for their help and patience during his preparation for his Bar Mitzvah. He looks forward to continuing his Jewish education at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

All of the Park Avenue Synagogue community *mourns the loss of our esteemed Rabbi Emeritus, Judah Nadich;*
Nadine Habousha Cohen, *on the loss of her mother, Adele Habousha;*
Clifford S. Gelb, *on the loss of his mother, Ruth Gelb;*
Bea Kaplan, *on the loss of her husband, Hon. Louis I. Kaplan;*
Frank Pollak, *on the loss of his mother, Helen Rosen Pollak;*
Jane Ravash, *on the loss of her husband, David Ravash;*
Laura and James Ross, *on the loss of their mother, Rita L. Rand*
Craig H. Solomon, *on the loss of his father, Lawrence Solomon.*

Note:
if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue office: 212-369-2600 or lschneider@pasyn.org

Congratulations to **Laurie Davidowitz** on receiving the Martha K. Selig Young Leadership Award by the UJA-Federation of New York Women's Campaign.

Park Avenue Synagogue's Musical History:

The Spirit of Our Souls

By Marcia Stone, Co-Chair, Archives Committee

Park Avenue Synagogue has a long and illustrious history in the world of Jewish liturgical music. Much of this article is drawn from the prolific writings of Cantor David Lefkowitz about the glorious history of our synagogue's music. Its legacy dates back to the cantorial leadership of Abraham Sukoenig, who served the congregation from 1914 to 1932. He was a student of Eduard Birnbaum, the distinguished chief cantor of the Great Synagogue of Koenigsberg in Prussia. An article about Jewish music written in the "American Hebrew" by Lazar Saminsky, music director of Temple Emanu-El, said: "There are indeed competent and enthusiastic Jewish musicians who love Jewish music and do not consider it a myth, either. Foremost among them I would mention Cantor Abraham Sukoenig of the Park Avenue Synagogue." Indeed, Jacob Friedman, Jr., President of our congregation during that time, gave Cantor Sukoenig's special musical services credit for contributing to the growth of the Synagogue's membership.

Cantor David Putterman served our congregation from 1933 until 1976 and made many significant contributions to the world of American Conservative Jewish music. In 1943, he inaugurated the Annual Sabbath Evening Liturgical Music Service of New Music. Hoping to inspire talented composers, many of whom were refugees, he commissioned outstanding contemporary composers in an effort to also modernize American cantorial and choral music. More than 70 composers contributed music for the 32 special services under Hazzan Putterman's leadership. Cantor Putterman commissioned Leonard Bernstein to compose a new rendition of *Hashkivenu*. It premiered at the Third Annual Liturgical Music Service in May of 1945. The following year, the cantor invited Kurt Weill to compose music for the Fourth Annual Music Service. Mr. Weill responded a few weeks later by completing a "blues" Kiddush which he dedicated to his father, who had been a cantor in Germany. This piece was an instant hit and became the most famous of Hazzan Putterman's commissions. In 1948, to honor the creation of the State of Israel, the P.A.S. Annual New Music Service was entitled "Faith of Israel and Zion's Dream." The following year, Cantor Putterman commissioned Israeli composers to write new pieces for the first anniversary celebration.

Cantor Putterman's contributions also reached outside of the synagogue, to the structure of the Conservative cantorial world. In 1923, he was the first cantor to broadcast a religious service on a coast-to- coast program. He helped develop the Jewish Theological Seminary's weekly radio program, "The Eternal Light" and performed on it for several years. In 1948, Cantor Putterman was among founders of the Cantors Assembly and in 1951, his dream was realized with the establishment of the Cantors Institute and College of Music at the Jewish Theological Seminary. On May 4, 1973, in celebration of his 40th anniversary, Park Avenue Synagogue presented Hazzan Putterman with a citation recognizing "his many contributions to the furtherance of the American Jewish Cultural Heritage. His high standards and ideals in the development, refinement, and creation of Synagogue music have elevated the status of the Hazzan in our country…"

Isador Geller served under David Nowakowsky who was the choirmaster of the Brody Synagogue in Odessa for 52 years, during one of the greatest periods of development in the history of Jewish music. He came to the United States about 1915 and to Park Avenue Synagogue as organist and choirmaster, and worked with both Cantors Sukoenig and Putterman. He remained until his death in 1952.

There were other noted organists, choirmasters and composers who had ongoing relationships with the Synagogue. They included Zavel Zilberts and Max Helfman who were closely identified with Cantor Putterman's work. Both were great composers who contributed music to P.A.S. as well as having conducted special services here. George Crook served the congregation as organist beginning in 1952 for 13 years. He composed new arrangements and recopied almost all of the congregation's musical repertory.

Neil Robinson succeeded George Crook upon his retirement in 1965 and is still working with us after more than 40 years. Upon Neil's arrival at Park Avenue Synagogue, Hazzan Putterman guided his education in Jewish liturgy and ritual and the nuances of the Hazzanut. Neil's abilities as a master organist and his exemplary musical talents have greatly contributed to the music of our Synagogue. He has composed many prayer settings for the liturgy, including a suite of pieces that was performed at the 41st Annual Friday Evening Liturgical Music Service in December of 1984. Neil has had wonderful working partnerships with both Cantors Putterman and Lefkowitz. More recently, Neil, along with the Cantors, has been instrumental in the success of the Congregational Singers, a group that was formed in the winter of 2000. Their debut performance was at "The Spring Musicale: Let Pesach Sing!" on April 16 of that year. He is most gracious when rehearsing with this group that is comprised mostly of non-professional singers.

Abraham Kaplan was the choral director at P.A.S. from 1968-1999. In the first few years after he came to New York from his native Israel, he became one of the most sought-after and active young conductors on the musical scene. An article in the P.A.S. Bulletin dated May 4, 1976 stated that Abraham Kaplan is hailed as a "dynamic young conductor" and cited for his "dramatic intensity, taut but expressive leadership and command of the music." He is a distinguished international director and composer.

Cantor David Lefkowitz joined Park Avenue Synagogue in 1976 and has further enhanced the level of music at P.A.S. His interest in preserving the musical treasures of the great synagogues and composers of Europe has led him to research, discover, and give new life to works which had been abandoned for generations. Since July of 1978, he has been responsible for cataloguing the unpublished manuscripts of Composer David Nowakowsky and the archives of Cantor David Putterman. Cantor Lefkowitz also initiated the Annual Shabbat Morning Services of Classical Liturgical Music at Park Avenue Synagogue that are modeled after the choral services of the great traditional synagogues in Eastern Europe. He has attempted to balance the American sounds of contemporary commissioned new pieces with an appreciation for unknown or forgotten music by cantors and composers from previous centuries. In 1992 under Cantor Lefkowitz's leadership, Park Avenue Synagogue celebrated its 50th Anniversary Concert of New Liturgical Music. In 2001 at a gala dinner dance, the Synagogue community honored him for 25 years of outstanding service and contribution to the congregation. Cantor Lefkowitz's own outstanding musical abilities have led him to compose and arrange many beautiful works for us. He is most admired for his musical talent and passion in creating music for our Synagogue.

Cantor Nancy Abramson became part of the P.A.S. family in 1997. From her vast experience and expertise, she has contributed greatly to our music education programs and choral performances. Her kind and welcoming personality puts congregants of all ages at ease and further helps to make her a great asset to our community. She has taught and encouraged many congregants and teens to participate in the liturgy by chanting Torah and Haftarah in the Sanctuary, Havurah and Junior Congregation services. She also created the Shabbat Evening *Rinah U'Tefilah* (Song and Prayer) service and helped to revive the Annual Musicale Concert. Cantor Abramson was the first woman member of the prestigious governing body of the Cantors Assembly. She was elected as its Secretary in 2003. In 2005, she was elected Treasurer. In May 2007, she was elected its Vice President of Administration. Upon being honored at the Synagogue's Gala held on March 4, 2006, Cantor Abramson said: "I've loved every day I have been with P.A.S. because I am

Cantor David Putterman

able to express my musical spirit and soul in everything I do."

As a world-stage for Conservative Jewish Music, Park Avenue Synagogue hosted a gala Concert Maariv Service and banquet on June 10, 1998, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Cantors Assembly. Cantor Lefkowitz, Cantor Abramson and a special P.A.S. Youth Ensemble participated in this concert that was televised by ABC-TV in conjunction with The Jewish Theological Seminary. Also in 1998, P.A.S. celebrated Israel's 50th birthday with a special concert and birthday party, followed by a historic week of Jewish music. On December 5, 2004, P.A.S. hosted "Spirit of Israel: Voices of the Conservative Movement," a concert produced by Cantors Lefkowitz and Cantor Abramson jointly with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Cantors Assembly. In 2005, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and the birth of the State of Israel, P.A.S. singers and musicians performed the New York premiere of a new oratorio, "Like Smoke in the Wind."

Park Avenue Synagogue is so blessed to have the myriad talents of Cantor Lefkowitz, Cantor Abramson, Neil Robinson and our gifted music teachers. The beautiful music they create enhances our services and programs, making them so much more pleasurable to experience. The brilliant organ and choral collaborations of Cantor Lefkowitz and Neil Robinson have brought great spiritual and aesthetic inspiration to worship services at the Synagogue, and have contributed enormously to the congregation's prestige and reputation for music leadership. Cantor Lefkowitz continues to foster and develop the musical legacies of the Jewish people. When he was honored at the Synagogue's 2006 gala, he said that: "Music is the spiritual access point to the soul of worshippers...My goal is to instill a realization of the vast role music has played in the hearts and minds of Jews." Together, Cantor Nancy Abramson and Cantor David Lefkowitz share in Park Avenue Synagogue's cantorial vision for the future.

To be continued...

It's not too late to make an appointment to inscribe your letter in our Torah with Rabbi Druin.

Contact *Heidi Silverman at heidi@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600.*

B'nai Mitzvah Program

Ron Koas, Education Director

Last year we had a B'nai Mitzvah program that was designed as a series of family learning programs for Sixth Graders and their parents. Through a series of five two-hour sessions, families explored the issues that surround the Bar and Bat Mitzvah experience and expanded their definition of what a Bar or Bat Mitzvah can be about. These sessions took place at different times throughout the Jewish year—on Shabbat afternoon around *Havdalah*, on Sunday after minyan, on Rosh Chodesh, etc., in order to expose students to many different components of Jewish life that can contribute to their Bar and Bat Mitzvah experience. The program was a huge success, so we have extended it to the Seventh Grade. Each year will build on the one before, but will be independent enough to allow for families to participate without being lost. Attendance at three sessions will be mandatory for any family in the Seventh Grade. At least one parent will be required to attend, but the attendance of both parents (if applicable in that family situation) is recommended and strongly encouraged.

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The curriculum is based on *Mishnah Pirkei Avot 1:2*—On three things the world rests, on Torah, on Prayer and on Acts of Loving Kindness.

In Sixth Grade, the students explored Avodah, or prayer and ritual, which included:
- the how-tos of B'nai Mitzvah, such as minyan and *t'fillin*
- what it means to lead a community in prayer
- how prayer and performance are different
- how ritual and community work together
- the meaning of being a counted member of the Jewish community
- personal prayer
- personal ritual

In Seventh Grade, students will approach G'milut Chasadim—acts of loving kindness. Topics to be explored will include:
- helping others as a Jewish value
- what it means to be a responsible member of both the Jewish and general community
- deciding which community needs to service
- choosing a community service project

I'm sure this program will benefit parents and students alike. The first session is scheduled to take place on **October 25**.

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October Children's and School Programs

New This Year!

Tot Simchat Torah

October 5 | 10:00 am

Join us in the Main Sanctuary for dancing and marching with the Torahs. Great for children of all ages, particularly infants, toddler and pre-schoolers!

October Birthday Celebration

October 12 | 6:15 pm

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with October birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate.

Contact *Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.*

Monday, October 1 *19 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot
Forging Your Link: Rabbi Druin
9:00 am ECC in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 2 *20 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot
Forging Your Link: Rabbi Druin
9:00 am ECC in the Sukkah
CS Students/Parents Sukkah Dinner (Pizza in the Hut) $ ✆

Wednesday, October 3 *21 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot (Hoshana Raba)
Light Candles: 6:18 pm
Offices Close 1:00 pm
No School
9:00 am ECC in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 4 *22 Tishrei*
Shemini Atzeret
Offices Closed
No School
9:15 am Festival Service, including *Yizkor*
6:30 pm Erev Simchat Torah Service

Friday, October 5 *23 Tishrei*
Light Candles: *6:15 pm*
Simchat Torah
Offices Closed
9:15 am Simchat Torah Service
10:00 am Tot Simchat Torah Service

Saturday, October 6 *24 Tishrei*
Parashat Bereshit
No School
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Zahler,
Daughter of Karen Gantz Zahler and Eric Zahler

Monday, October 8 *26 Tishrei*
Columbus Day (Legal Holiday)
Offices Closed
No School

Thursday, October 11 *29 Tishrei*
Opening Toddler Programs
6:30 pm ECC Admission Tours

Friday, October 12 *30 Tishrei*
Light Candles: 6:03 pm
Opening Toddler Programs
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, October 13 *1 Cheshvan*
Parashat Noach
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Silverman,
Son of Susan and Jeffrey Silverman
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
11:15 am Tot Shabbat

Sunday, October 14 *2 Cheshvan*
Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing!
HS Community Service

Monday, October 15 *3 Cheshvan*
4:30 pm Zayin t'fillin Workshop

Tuesday, October 16 *4 Cheshvan*
6:30 pm CS Curriculum Night

Wednesday, October 17 *5 Cheshvan*
10:30 am Raising Your Jewish Child $ ✆
4:30 pm Zayin t'fillin Workshop
6:30 pm ECC Curriculum Night

Thursday, October 18 *6 Cheshvan*
5:00 pm Vav Students/Parents B'nai Mitzvah Seminar
6:30 pm ECC Curriculum Night

Friday, October 19 *7 Cheshvan*
Light Candles: 5:53 pm
5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, October 20 *8 Cheshvan*
Parashat Lech-Lecha
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Podolsky, Son of Laurie Ferber Podolsky and Dr. Morris Podolsky
10:00 am Shabbat B'yachad
11:15 am Nitzanim Service

Sunday, October 21 *9 Cheshvan*
9:45 am Zayin Students/Parents Service and Brunch.

Tuesday, October 23 *11 Cheshvan*
6:30 pm ECC Admissions Tour

Friday, October 26 *14 Cheshvan*
Light Candles: 5:43 pm
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service: Welcoming the Sabbath

Saturday, October 27 *15 Cheshvan*
Parashat Vayera
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
B'nei Mitzvah of Sam and Jamie Lipman, children of Shelly and Jay Lipman
9:30 am Havurah Service
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
11:15 am Tot Shabbat

Sunday, October 28 *16 Cheshvan*
Kadima and Ruach events

Tuesday, October 30 *18 Cheshvan*
6:30 pm ECC Admissions Tour

Wednesday, October 31 19 *Cheshvan*
10:30 am Raising Your Jewish Child $ ✆

Contributions

If you have much, give much; if you have little, be not afraid to give according to that little;
for you lay up a good treasure for yourself against the day of need. —*Tobit 4.8-10*

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Floy & Amos Kaminski.

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Wendy & Todd Sinai, *in honor of E.J. Borrack's chanting of her Bat Mitzvah Haftorah on the 30th anniversary.*

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Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, *in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Prashker.*
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Mr. Harold Geringer, *in memory of Eleanore Geringer, and in appreciation of Rabbi Lincoln and Cantor Lefkowitz's participation in the services.*
Dr. Carin Lamm, *in appreciation of the memorable wedding ceremony performed for Suzie & Evan by Rabbi Lincoln.*

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Dr. Herbert Abrams, *in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Abrams.*
Dr. Herbert Abrams, *in honor of his birthday.*
Mrs. Deanna Adler, *in memory of her beloved mother and father, Pauline & Max Zeitlin.*
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Mrs. Merle Axelrod, *in memory of her beloved father, Arnold Waldman.*
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Mr. Bernard Breslin, *in honor of his 75th birthday.*
Barbara & Philip Brous, *in honor of the new home of Susan & Jeffrey Silverman.*
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Mr. Stanley Kreinik, *in memory of his beloved mother, Helen Zinn Kreinik.*
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Alexander & Leona Leon, *in loving memory of Gussie Benjamin and George Leon on their Yahrzeits.*
Mrs. Linda Levine, *in memory of her beloved father, Harry Rothman.*
Mr. & Mrs. David Levitsky, *congratulations to Aileen Benatar Stotter on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah on June 30th.*
Dr. Sylvia Liff, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. Edward Lipiner, *in honor of his Aliyahs.*
Mrs. Lucy Lipiner, *in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Mandelbaum.*
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Ms. Elizabeth Philipp, *in honor of the 55th wedding annviersary of her parents, Rachel & John Philipp.*
Mr. & Ms. John Philipp, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Dr. Morris M. Podolsky, *in honor of his birthday.*
Dr. Brian Pollack, *in memory of his beloved sister, Doris Roberts.*
Mr. Robert Price, *in honor of his birthday.*
Dr. Sheila Erlich-Pruzansky, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. Herman Rosen, *in memory of his beloved father, Isidore Rosen.*
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Mrs. Estelle Roth & Family, *in memory of Nat Roth. With appreciation to the Synagogue for their thoughtfulness.*
Janet & Richard Samuels, *in loving memory of Eleanore Geringer.*
Samuel & Sondra Schaeffler, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mrs. Sondra Schaeffler, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. Daniel Schaul, *in memory of his beloved father, Gerhard Schaul.*
Dr. Gloria Shafer, *in memory of her beloved father, Charles Siegel.*
Mrs. Rita Shapiro, *in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Samuel Shapiro.*
Fred and Steve Silby, *in memory of Irving Friedman.*
Mrs. Esther Silver, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. Joel Silver, *in memory of his beloved brother-in-law, Reuben Sklaver.*
Mrs. Carol Silverstein, *in memory of her beloved mother, Betty Chepenik.*
Mrs. Carol Silverstein, *in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Chepenik.*
Dr. Gerald Smallberg, *in memory of his beloved father, Alex Smallberg.*
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Spolan, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mrs. Tamara Spolan.
Ms. Candy Straight, *in memory of Rita Rand.*
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Treiger, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Elaine Weitzman, *in memory of her beloved mother, Anne Samet.*
Mrs. Esther Woolf, *in memory of her beloved mother Celia Barasch.*
Dr. Audrey Woolrich, *in memory of her beloved sister, Felice Woolrich.*

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Katherina Grunfeld *on the Yahrzeit of her beloved mother, Gisela Kroo.*
Katherina Grunfeld *in honor of her birthday Floy and Amos Kaminski.*
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Marlene and Philip Muskin *in memory of Henya Sekons, beloved mother of Dr. David Sekons.*
Marlene Muskin *in honor of Lynn Berney for all the hard work organizing the Community Mitzvah Initiative.*
Marlene and Philip Muskin *in honor of Liz Harrow's graduation.*
Jacqueline Wahl *for the Camp Scholarship Fund.*

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Park Avenue Synagogue's website, **www.pasyn.org** has the latest news, events, and times for any synagogue-related activity. And it also has lots of information about classes, programs, events, people, organizations, and meetings. Sign up for e-mail notifications! Communicate with our clergy and staff!

Celebrating a *Simcha*?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

Contact *Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600.*

In Loving Memory of
Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention? The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to those valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this mitzvah, *please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at 212-369-2600 ext.120.*

Calendar of Events October 2007

Monday, October 1 *19 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot
Forging Your Link: Rabbi Druin
9:00 am ECC in the Sukkah
11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion
12:30 pm Beit Ishah
7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting
Sisterhood Sukkah Dinner $ ✆

Tuesday, October 2 *20 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot
Forging Your Link: Rabbi Druin
9:00 am ECC in the Sukkah
CS Students/Parents Sukkah Dinner $ ✆
(Pizza in the Hut)
CMI Visit to Jewish Home and Hospital

Wednesday, October 3 *21 Tishrei*
Chol HaMoed Sukkot (Hoshana Raba)
Light Candles: 6:18 pm
Offices Close 1:00 pm
No School
6:30 am Morning Minyan
9:00 am ECC in the Sukkah
5:45 pm Erev Shemini Atzeret Service

Thursday, October 4 *22 Tishrei*
Shemini Atzeret
Offices Closed
No School
7:15 am Hashkama Service
9:15 am Festival Service, including *Yizkor*
6:30 pm Erev Simchat Torah Service

Friday, October 5 *23 Tishrei*
Light Candles: *6:15 pm*
Simchat Torah
Offices Closed
7:00 am Hashkama Service
9:15 am Simchat Torah Service
10:00 am Tot Simchat Torah Service
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 6 *24 Tishrei*
Parashat Bereshit
No School
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Zahler, Daughter of Karen Gantz Zahler and Eric Zahler
9:30 am Havurah Service
6:00 pm Mincha

Monday, October 8 *26 Tishrei*
Columbus Day (Legal Holiday)
Offices Closed
No School

Tuesday, October 9 *27 Tishrei*
8:00 am Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern

Wednesday, October 10 *28 Tishrei*
8:00 pm Before the Stork
8:00 pm Hearing Men's Voices ✆

Thursday, October 11 *29 Tishrei*
Opening Toddler Programs
11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn
6:30 pm ECC Admission Tours
6:30 pm Parashat HaShavua $ ✆
7:30 pm Moonbeams

Friday, October 12 *30 Tishrei*
Light Candles: 6:03 pm
Rosh Chodesh *Cheshvan*
Opening Toddler Programs
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, October 13 *1 Cheshvan*
Parashat Noach
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Silverman, Son of Susan and Jeffrey Silverman
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, October 14 *2 Cheshvan*
11:00 am Men's Club New Members Reception?
Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing!
HS Community Service

Monday, October 15 *3 Cheshvan*
12:30 pm Beit Ishah
4:30 pm Zayin t'fillin Workshop
6:30 pm Siddur Hebrew Levels I, II, Conv. $ ✆
7:30 pm Modern Hebrew $ ✆
8:00 pm Moses Class/Rabbi Brodie $ ✆

Tuesday, October 16 *4 Cheshvan*
8:00 am Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
1:00 pm Sisterhood Yiddish Club
6:30 pm CS Curriculum Night

Wednesday, October 17 *5 Cheshvan*
10:30 am Raising Your Jewish Child $ ✆
4:30 pm Zayin t'fillin Workshop
6:30 pm ECC Curriculum Night
7:00 pm Film Night: "Paradise Now"

Thursday, October 18 *6 Cheshvan*
11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn
5:00 pm Vav Students/Parents
B'nai Mitzvah Seminar
6:30 pm ECC Curriculum Night
6:30 pm Parashat HaShavua $ ✆
7:30 pm Healing Service

Friday, October 19 *7 Cheshvan*
Light Candles: 5:53 pm
5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 20 *8 Cheshvan*
Parashat Lech-Lecha
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Podolsky, Son of Laurie Ferber Podolsky and Dr. Morris Podolsky
10:00 am Shabbat B'yachad
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, October 21 *9 Cheshvan*
9:45 am Zayin Students/Parents Service
and Brunch.

Monday, October 22 *10 Cheshvan*
12:30 pm Beit Ishah
6:30 pm Siddur Hebrew Levels I, II, Conv. $ ✆
7:30 pm Modern Hebrew $ ✆
8:00 pm Moses Class/Rabbi Brodie $ ✆

Tuesday, October 23 *11 Cheshvan*
8:00 am Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
1:00 pm Sisterhood Event
6:30 pm Tikkun Olam
6:30 pm ECC Admissions Tour
7:00 pm Evenings of Learning

Mincha Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Saturdays as noted.
Daily Minyanim *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am, except as noted.*

Information is subject to change. Confirm at ***www.pasyn.org*** *or with the office. See page 3 for Religious Services and page 14 for Children's and School Programs.*

Wednesday, October 24 12 *Cheshvan*
7:00 pm Men's Club New Members Reception?

Thursday, October 25 *13 Cheshvan*
11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn
6:30 pm Parashat HaShavua $ ✆

Friday, October 26 *14 Cheshvan*
Light Candles: 5:43 pm
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service: Welcoming the Sabbath
7:00 pm Congregational Dinner $ ✆
Rabbi Steve Greenberg, Speaker

Saturday, October 27 *15 Cheshvan*
Parashat Vayera
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
B'nei Mitzvah of Sam and Jamie Lipman, children of Shelly and Jay Lipman
9:30 am Havurah Service
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Nitzanim Service
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, October 28 *16 Cheshvan*
Kadima and Ruach events

Monday, October 29 *17 Cheshvan*
12:30 pm Beit Ishah
6:30 pm Siddur Hebrew Levels I, II, Conv. $ ✆
7:30 pm Modern Hebrew $ ✆
8:00 pm Evening Book Discussion Group
8:00 pm Moses Class/Rabbi Brodie $ ✆

Tuesday, October 30 *18 Cheshvan*
8:00 am Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
12:00 pm Sisterhood Board
6:30 pm ECC Admissions Tour
7:00 pm Evenings of Learning

Wednesday, October 31 19 *Cheshvan*
10:30 am Raising Your Jewish Child $ ✆

Did you know

the P.A.S. website has the latest information about all our programs, Services, holiday information, weekly *Parashat* summaries, staff bios...and more? You can also sign up for weekly event e-mails.

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Rabbi Judah Nadich, who was the rabbi of Park Avenue Synagogue for 30 years, retiring from the pulpit in 1987, passed away on August 26 at the age of 95. He was highly esteemed throughout the world and loved and respected by all who knew him. His name and memory will live on in our Rabbi Judah Nadich High School and in our communal heritage.

Rabbi Nadich was a leader of Conservative Judaism whose influence was broad. As a lieutenant colonel in the Army during World War II, he was the first, and then the senior, Jewish chaplain in Europe. Significantly, he served as General Dwight D. Eisenhower's adviser on Jewish affairs and reported to him on the conditions of the camps, His work was critical in influencing General Eisenhower and in helping to improve survivors' conditions in the camps and afterward. He accompanied David Ben Gurion on a trip to the camps and helped survivors to be relocated to Palestine..

Judah Nadich was born in Baltimore in Baltimore on May 13, 1912, to Isaac and Lena Nathanson Nadich, who emigrated from Russia in the early 1900s and owned a neighborhood grocery store. He went to New York City at the age of 14, and worked his way through City College, from which he graduated in 1932. In 1936 he was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary and earned a masters degree in history from Columbia University. He led congregations in Buffalo and Chicago, then enlisted in the Army as a chaplain in 1942. In 1947, Rabbi Nadich married Martha Hadassah Ribalow, who survives him. They had three daughters, Leah Meir; Shira Levin, and Nahma Meira Nadich, and eight grandchildren.

The Nadich home was a warm gathering place for family, congregants, clergy, visitors, and important members of the Jewish world. Mrs. Nadich cooked and baked, then served Shabbat dinners and lunches, often to fascinating mixed groups. She was the first (and sometimes critical) audience for his sermons. Rabbi Nadich was one of the first Conservative rabbis to include women in the minyan and to be called to the Torah (in 1961). In 1974, as president of the Rabbinical Assembly, he proposed the ordination of women; eleven years later, in 1985, the JTS ordained its first woman rabbi.

Rabbi Nadich was an advocate for freedom and for the rights of all people and was a leader in the civil rights movement.

As well as a beloved leader of Park Avenue Synagogue, Rabbi Nadich was a strong and influential force for living Jewish values on a national scale.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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A Look Ahead

Mitzvah Day | Sunday, November 18

Join the Park Avenue Synagogue community in celebrating Mitzvah Day on Sunday November 18th. Bring your family and friends to perform good deeds to benefit those in need.

There will be something for everybody. As in the past we will be collecting goods to donate to charitable organizations as well as organizing the Parents' Association Flea Market. We will also sponsor our annual blood drive and of course, bake fresh cookies for donors. As always, there will lots of fun activities for all ages, 1 to 100: insightful discussions with our Clergy, off-site visits, arts and crafts, food collection, and numerous programs appearing for the first time.

Please mark your calendars!

If you're interested in helping plan this year's event, *please contact:*

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January 25-26, 2008 will be a weekend to remember in the history of P.A.S.

We will observe *Havdalah* and spend an exciting evening together! We will dedicate our newly-inscribed Torah!

We will hear Chancellor Arnold Eisen of Jewish Theological Seminary and Rabbi David Ellenson of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion! We will sing and enjoy the music of Craig Taubman! We will dance, we will eat...we will drink...we will celebrate....